

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

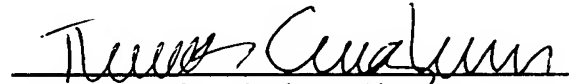
Claims 1-2, 8-13 and 17-19 are active. The non-elected claims have been cancelled and the limitations of claim 3 imposed on independent claim 1 as discussed with Examiner Alejandro on May 12, 2010. Similarly, the limitations of claims 14-16 have been imposed on claim 13. Claims 17-19 have been revised for clarity; the Applicants understand that these claims, though drawn to batteries, will be also allowed as they depend from claim 1 which is now allowable. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration of this response and allowance of this case are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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